

# TSA Today



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## National TSA Conference Nashville, Tennessee

The 38th national TSA conference will be held Tuesday, June 28 - Saturday, July 2, 2016 at the Gaylord Opryland Resort and Convention Center in Nashville, Tennessee. The conference is a little over a month away, so it is time to take a look at the [national conference page](#) on the TSA website where you can see the schedule-at-a-glance, the middle and high school competitive events schedules, and other opportunities that will be available to you at the conference. Check out the national conference page [here](#).



## Proposed Bylaw Amendment

The following proposed bylaw amendment will be acted on at the upcoming 2016 national TSA conference in Nashville, TN, on July 1st:

### Amendment 1

*To amend Section 1 -*

Strike the words "live in a" from the motto and replace them with the words "lead the".

*Current wording:*

"The motto of the Technology Student Association is:  
'Learning to live in a technical world.'"

*If adopted, wording would be:*

"The motto of the Technology Student Association will be:  
'Learning to lead the technical world.'"

Respectfully submitted by Missouri TSA.

William Lynch, President, Missouri TSA  
Jim Hogan, State Advisor, Missouri TSA

## National Conference Dress Code

All conference participants must adhere to the national TSA [dress code](#). This includes all guests, parents, and children. No flip-flops, halter tops, tank tops, or shorts are permitted for anyone at the general sessions. All conference attendees, including guests, parents, and children, must wear a conference identification badge at all times. For more information on competition attire and general session attire, please see the [national TSA website](#).



**OFFICIAL CONFERENCE  
ATTIRE GUIDELINES**  
(2015 - 2016 School Year)

**COMPETITION ATTIRE**

Shirt or blouse: official TSA shirt (royal blue)

Pants or skirt: gray

Socks: black or dark blue (males only)

Shoes: black dress shoes (unacceptable: athletic shoes, army boots, combat, or work boots)

Sandals: females only may wear black open-toe shoes or sandals

*Required for middle school or high school level Chapter Team only, but may be worn for other competitions if preferred by contestant:*

Blazer: navy blue with official TSA patch

Tie: scarlet red imprinted with official TSA logo (males only)



## 2017 TEAMS Theme



The 2017 TEAMS theme is "Engineering the Environment" and will focus on issues such as solar power, water conservation, and recycling. Check out the [TEAMS website](#) for more information on the upcoming national TEAMS competition, taking place at the national TSA conference, and 2017 competition information.

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## Reaching for the Stars

### Chirag Agarwal, National TSA Reporter

TSA has helped me connect with many individuals and programs that have truly made a difference in my life. The coolest by far has been my introduction to the Stratus Aviation Foundation in Blue Bell, Pennsylvania, a program for K-12 students interested in aviation and aerospace engineering.



Personally, I have learned a lot of invaluable skills from veteran pilots and mentors that have inspired me and will directly assist me in my future education. I have been able to go up in small aircraft, learn to fly my own drone, and receive valuable aerospace engineering experience. [Read more](#)

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## Spring School Scene

The spring edition of [School Scene](#) is now available on the TSA website. Included in this issue are tips and information from the national officer team, including:

- A survival packing guide for the national conference
- TSA's new leadership program
- Joining the national TSA alumni association
- Social media information for the national conference
- Alumni highlights
- Tips for voting delegates

Check out [School Scene](#) today!

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